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BURY THE BOSSES WITH COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

HAITI, August 23—On August 14 at 8:30 in the morning, the sun is struggling to rise as worker's problems pile up: Coronavirus, five million starving, no functional institutions, no government.

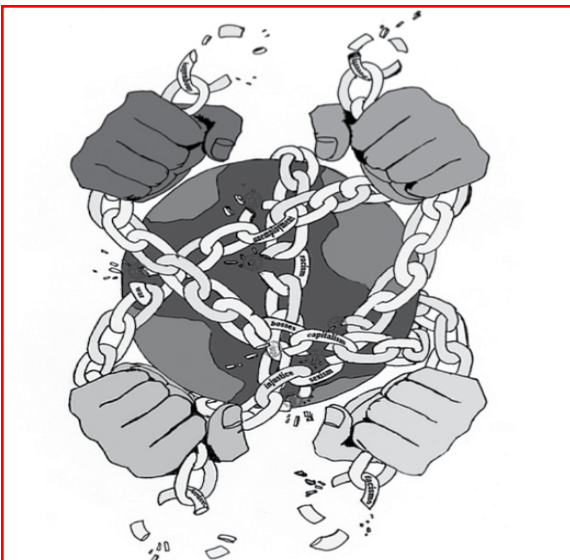
At 8:31 am, the earth began to shake like it did a little more than a decade ago. The departments of the South, Nippes and Grand-Anse are the most affected. The numbers are mounting of dead, wounded and especially displaced.

Barely three hours after the earthquake, the comrades of the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) were distributing snacks and clean water to more than 300 children and young people. It's not a lot, but it's the first help to be given. As we organize our class to help each other we are also bringing the communist ideas of PLP to fellow workers. The culprits are capitalism and the bosses for the failures of the system. We are asking people to build a communist movement that will overthrow capitalism and put the working class in power.

As of yesterday, Haiti's Civil Protection Agency has reported that 2,207 people have been killed in the earthquake, 12,268 are injured, and 53,000 are destroyed (Associated Press, 8/22). These official numbers are a very low count because many areas, especially rural communities, have not yet been visited or even contacted by either the government or the non-governmental aid organizations. Those areas, like the one where PLP is organizing, are on their own, making do with very little as deaths and injuries mount and the people have no place to shelter in the relentless rain.

How different are humanitarian crises and catastrophes for capitalist bosses and bourgeois politicians—they see them as opportunities to consolidate their power. They don't give a damn about workers' lives. Profit and capitalist domination is their only goal.

It has been more than 11 years since the devastation of the 2010 earthquake, yet hospitals still have no structure, materials or staff to take care of the needs of the population. A decade later and there is still no plan to take care of the disaster victims. Poverty is growing at a steady rate for the masses of workers and students. And we know from



experience that the fake leaders will take advantage of the situation to line their pockets, hiding behind the just-declared, month-long state of emergency.

For now, the death and injury and damage toll is growing, along with fear and uncertainty. The gangs, unleashed over the last couple of years by the bourgeoisie to create an atmosphere of terror among workers, are blocking the roads that are still passable, demanding ransoms to allow aid and aid workers to travel. Covid-19 is running rampant; vaccines are rare and the insufficient test material means that only those with severe cases are even tested. Earthquake, hurricane, disease and gangs—all brought and exacerbated by the racist capitalist system.

In every situation, communists fight to prove their humanity and love for the working class. We know that capitalism must and will be defeated, and that a communist world, where workers struggle together in their common class interests, will prevail. We will grow in numbers and fight to our last breath to put an end to the horrors that racism and imperialism have brought to the workers of the world. The PLP is our international communist party, join us! 🇺🇸

PLP solidarity efforts related to the earthquake in Haiti:

- Provided clean water and snacks to 300 children and youth within three hours of the earthquake.
- Provided clean water to families, ongoing.
- Wrote to CHALLENGE within hours of the disaster.
- Helped in the rescue of people buried in rubble and injured during the quake.
- Participated in the collective kitchen, as those with resources fed those without.
- Raised money and organized building temporary shelters with donated materials, to protect people who had lost their houses and
- Comrades from the capital bought supplies with those funds and brought them to a provincial town, including food to feed breakfast to 120 children for one week.
- Used community radio to criticize capitalism for the deplorable conditions that made the earthquake even more disastrous than it would have been in a more developed capitalist country; and to promote the idea that a system that can't even respond to the most basic needs of workers and students doesn't deserve to exist. It has to be completely overthrown and replaced with communism.
- Discussed with our base that the only way this is going to change is by growing the PLP now and building our revolutionary forces to give leadership to the working class struggles to come.
- Reached out widely to our base around the world about relief efforts undertaken by PLP.
- Solicited letters of solidarity for workers and students in Haiti from mass organizations, job sites, schools and campuses where PLP has political work.

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OUR FIGHT

- ★Progressive Labor Party (PLP) fights to destroy capitalism and the dictatorship of the capitalist class. We organize workers, soldiers and youth into a revolutionary movement for communism.
- ★The dictatorship of the working class — communism—can provide a lasting solution to the disaster that is today’s world for billions of people. This cannot be done through electoral politics, but requires a revolutionary movement and a mass Red Army led by PLP.
- ★Worldwide capitalism, in its relentless drive for profit, inevitably leads to war, fascism, poverty, disease, starvation and environmental destruction. The capitalist class, through its state power — governments, armies, police, schools and culture — maintains a dictatorship over the world’s workers. The capitalist dictatorship supports, and is supported by, the anti-working-class ideologies of racism, sexism, nationalism, individualism and religion.
- ★While the bosses and their mouthpieces claim “communism is dead,” capitalism is the real failure for billions worldwide. Capitalism returned to Russia and China because socialism retained many aspects of the profit system, like wages and privileges. Russia and China did not establish communism.
- ★Communism means working collectively to build a worker-run society. We will abolish work for wages, money and profits. While capitalism needs unemployment, communism needs everyone to contribute and share in society’s benefits and burdens.
- ★Communism means abolishing racism and the concept of “race.” Capitalism uses racism to super-exploit Black, Latin, Asian and indigenous workers, and to divide the entire working class.
- ★Communism means abolishing the special oppression of women— sexism—and divisive gender roles created by the class society.
- ★Communism means abolishing nations and nationalism. One international working class, one world, one Party.
- ★Communism means that the minds of millions of workers must become free from religion’s false promises, unscientific thinking and poisonous ideology. Communism will triumph when the masses of workers can use the science of dialectical materialism to understand, analyze and change the world to meet their needs and aspirations.
- ★Communism means the Party leads every aspect of society. For this to work, millions of workers — eventually everyone — must become communist organizers. Join Us!

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Editorial

Debacle in Afghanistan: a step toward world war

As the bigtime terrorists of U.S. imperialism suffer another humiliating defeat and leave Afghanistan to the small-time terrorists of the Taliban, the world is witnessing in real time the waning of a once-dominant empire. Thanks to flawed intelligence, decades of failed strategies, and one blunder after the next by their latest incompetent president, the U.S. bosses are currently unable to guarantee safe passage for the evacuation of their own citizens, let alone the translators and interpreters and women leaders whose lives are now in jeopardy. Wrenching photographs and reports are flooding out from Kabul airport: men plunging from departing U.S. military planes; at least seven people—including a two-year-old girl—trampled to death by a panicked crowd; desperate parents handing their babies over barbed wire fences to U.S. soldiers inside the perimeter. The profit system’s contempt for human life is on full display.

As workers attempt to escape the chaos wrought by the U.S. capitalist rulers and their corrupt local stooges, we’re seeing a horrific preview of what awaits the international working class: open fascism and global war. But these images also lay bare the key to our future. Workers cannot leave our destiny in the hands of the capitalists, big or small. We must organize as a class to face this dangerous period head-on. We must redouble our commitment to organize a communist revolution—and to build a new communist society, run by and for the workers of the world.

The abrupt withdrawal of troops after the longest war in U.S. history reflects the collapse of the liberal world order and a worldwide crisis of capitalism. As a divided U.S. ruling class belatedly pivots to prepare for military conflict with chief inter-imperialist rivalry China and possibly Russia as well, it has squandered critical ground and influence in Central Asia. It’s lost the confidence of longtime allies in Europe, who are now charting their own course. But make no mistake: A wounded empire is no less dangerous. As the world’s bosses prepare to sacrifice workers’ lives in the next big redistribution of global resources and markets, our class has only one way out: communism.

Weakness and collapse

On August 16, President Joe Biden openly acknowledged why the U.S. needed to withdraw: “Our Chinese and Russian competitors would love for the United States to continue to invest billions of dollars in resources and attention to stabilize Afghanistan indefinitely” (La Jornada, 8/17). Weakened by a split with the isolationist, “America First” bosses who’ve hijacked the Republican Party, the liberal U.S. ruling class must reserve their forces for potential flashpoints like Taiwan and the South China Sea.

Republicans and Democrats are equally responsible for the U.S. fiasco in Afghanistan. It was no surprise that Bomber-in-Chief Barack Obama backed the deal that Donald Trump initiated with the Taliban and that Biden ultimately implemented. Relying on NATO intelligence, the imperialists under Trump proposed an 18-month peace process and a transitional coalition government that would include exiled ex-president Ashraf Ghani. But as Afghan forces collapsed without a fight, the plan never had a chance. As the date of the U.S. military exit neared, Afghan National Army units disintegrated. Thousands of underpaid soldiers deserted or joined a budding insurgency. In just three days the Taliban captured five provincial capitals. Finding no resistance, they kept on going until they reached Kabul. All of the Afghan Army’s modern weapons and tanks and helicopters could not overcome their troops’ lack of commitment (La Jornada, 8/19).

Over 20 years and the last four U.S. administrations, this futile war directly took the lives of more than 241,000 people, including more than 70,000 civilians in Afghanistan and neighboring Pakistan (Costs of War project, Brown University). Along with the similarly disastrous Iraq War, it will wind up costing the U.S. more than \$2 trillion—plus another \$6.5 trillion in debt payments (abcnews.go.com, 8/14). These obligations will weigh heavily on the working class.

U.S. rivals fill the vacuum

The U.S. loss of Afghanistan creates a void that rival imperialists are eager to fill. Both the Chinese and Russian bosses announced that they would seek agreements with the Taliban and keep their embassies functioning normally amid the crisis, giving Taliban leaders international legitimacy. Central Asia is the “belt” of the Chinese rulers’ Belt and Road Initiative. One prime target for Chinese investment in Afghanistan, according to Forbes Magazine, is the mining of 1.4 million tons of “rare earth elements,” which are crucial for renewable energy technology: “America needs rare earths, and China controls 90 percent of processing capacity” (8/17).

Russia, which endured its own devastating retreat from Afghanistan in 1989, may benefit most of all. “For Moscow,” observed the New York Times, “the chaotic American withdrawal...was a propaganda victory on a global scale....Russia’s security presence [in Central Asia] is predominant” (8/19).

As the U.S. ruling class grows more vulnerable and isolated, their new, stripped-down plan for Afghanistan is to maintain an espionage network to destabilize the border with China. While leaving Afghanistan is a step backward for the U.S. bosses in terms of their global influence and stature, it also represents a step forward in their strategic plan for imperialist war and the fascism they will need to force the working class to fight for them. This is the danger workers must recognize and organize into a fight to smash capitalism.

From one exploiter to the next

When the U.S. bosses’ propaganda mouthpieces recount the history of the Afghanistan invasion, they cite the attacks of 9/11 and the need to wipe out terrorist groups like Al Qaeda. They neglect to mention the U.S.-backed TAPI pipeline that was designed to transport natural gas through Afghanistan to India and Pakistan without going through U.S. enemies Russia or Iran.

Despite their promises to bring “democracy” to Afghanistan, the U.S. bosses installed a narco-government that skimmed tens of billions of dollars a year by supplying opium and heroin to the West (El País, 11/19/09). Opium production during the invasion multiplied by more than 40 times, effectively turning the country into a drug lab that spawned deadly opioid addictions throughout the world (actuality.rt.com, 8/19).

The reformist illusion that a U.S. invasion would end terrorism and improve life for masses of workers in Afghanistan has disintegrated. Twenty years of occupation left nearly half the population under the poverty line (rebelion.org, 8/17) and generated 5.5 million refugees (La Jornada, 8/19). Tens of thousands more are now trying to flee the country. By abandoning political opponents of the Taliban and others who served the occupation, the U.S. has earned the hostility of the working class in Afghanistan and the entire world.

The capitalist media drama over an anticipated loss of “human rights” under the Taliban obscures the boundless hypocrisy of the U.S. ruling class. Sexism and racism are the ideological pillars that sustain the rulers’ system. Under capitalism, millions of women workers are super-exploited, raped, and murdered each day around the world.

The last 20 years of indiscriminate bombings and dronings, which claimed the lives of countless women and children, is a testament to the sexist, traumatizing force that is the U.S. military for millions of Afghan women.

But the Taliban are also enemies of the workers. They oppress the working class, particularly women. They’re essentially a rival opium cartel that will negotiate with any imperialist that promises to enrich them. The Taliban use religion to cloak their fascist control and to guarantee a disciplined working class, ready for exploitation by Chinese and Russian bosses (La Jornada, 8/23).

The working class around the world needs to rebuild the communist movement to confront and defeat capitalism. Only communism can guide the working class in building a new society without capitalists, exploitation, or imperialist war. That is the goal of Progressive Labor Party. Join us!☛

Fight racist housing, oust the bosses



Fight for communism: a system where workers' lives—Black, Latin, disabled, and senior—will matter because we will run things.

HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND, August 11—Braving 99-degree heat, senior residents of Friendship Arms apartments held a spirited rally to demand that SHP Management Corporation (SHP) fix the roof, restore air conditioning and eradicate mice in the walls. Under capitalism safe housing is a dream for much of the working class particularly for some of the most vulnerable workers and super exploited sections of our class—disabled, retired, Black, Latin, Asian workers. Run down and unsafe housing is what the working class perpetually endures under a system where housing is a commodity to be bought and sold, and where landlords must provide as little maintenance as possible to maximize profits.

Criminal landlords rarely face consequences for subjecting workers to these tortuous living conditions. That's because housing courts and government institutions like Housing and Urban Development (HUD) only exist to protect slumlords and to do their bidding. The Friendship Arms struggle further demonstrates that capitalism, not old age or disability, is the most debilitating force in the lives of all workers.

In October a fire damaged the roof of these apartments being overseen by HUD. For months the Tenants Organization has been demanding repairs through petitions and meetings with the management, but some displaced residents are still living in hotels, while air conditioning of the common areas of the building remains broken. A Progressive Labor Party (PLP) member of Hyattsville Aging in Place (HAP) suggested taking the struggle to the

next level and a friend from the building jumped on the idea and the rally was planned quickly. Never underestimate seniors!

Our PLP club mobilized in support of the rally, offered chants, creative posters, political leadership, and provided the bullhorn. But the residents led the event with chants such as "Ageism Means, We Have to Fight Back!" and a detailed speech about the failings of management to act on their demands. The Party would have preferred "Capitalism means we have to fight back!" Then the tenants went inside the building and continued chanting all around the first floor!

The rally was covered by the local press, Hyattsville Life and Times, and attended by representatives of the Prince George's County Councilperson. We demanded that the Hyattsville City Council and the other politicians join in the demand to HUD and SHP to fix the problems immediately.

Capitalism lets workers free fall

Friendship Arms is owned and managed by SHP, a large landlord and HUD contractor. SHP has two properties in Maryland and both properties are in gross disrepair. The management contracting company has done a good job of ignoring the grievances of the buildings' seniors and residents with disabilities. Nevertheless HUD is more culpable than SHP for these attacks. For decades the U.S. bosses strategy around the country has been to dismantle what little social safety net the working class counts on, and affordable subsidized and public housing has been high up on their hit list. While liberals blame

the Donald Trump administration and his racist housing goon Ben Carson for destroying affordable housing, the latest assault on our housing follows former President Barack Obama era policies. Obama's solution to fixing the nation's aging housing stock was privatization through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program (The Nation, 6/9/2015).

The RAD program defers government responsibility to private developers and contractors. When developers and banks take over properties, rents will eventually be dictated by market values and not on subsidized income guidelines based on one's ability to pay, putting seniors at risk for eviction. This fate which has already befallen public housing in New York City. The New York City Housing authority (NYCHA), the largest publically funded and state managed housing in North America, will eventually grip senior and disabled housing if workers don't fight back. By contrast, communism, a moneyless system organized according to human need, not markets, commodities, or ability to pay, can truly provide safe, accessible, dignified housing to all workers. Communism will not need to create silly rights and so-called protections for workers based on age, race, ability, or gender because all these oppressive distinctions will be abolished.

Party leadership is key to building class consciousness

The organizing of this event was only possible because communists in PLP discussed the problem in their club and urged our comrade to raise the issue with her friend who is familiar with our ideas. Our role in sharpening the struggle was evident. Self-critically we should also have had one of our club members speak at the rally to call out capitalism and link this struggle to other tenant fights in the county.

One exemplary case is the year-long rent strike and lawsuit against the Arbor Realty Trust, Inc that is continuing in nearby Langley Park, a predominantly immigrant Latin community. Arbor owns Bedford Station and Victoria Station, two buildings infamous for poor living conditions, whose residents are fed up! Together the Arbor Realty and Friendship Arms struggles underscore the sheer inability of capitalists to provide both safe and accessible housing for the most vulnerable sections of the working class. Unifying tenant struggles in the region and linking them to broader fightbacks for safe housing is an important next step in this struggle to demolish this rotten system and build the foundation for communism: a system that truly prioritizes and meets our needs.✊

Racist exploitation baked into capitalism—Nabisco strikers need communism

CHICAGO, August 21—As the deadliest pandemic in history continues to wreak havoc on the international working class, U.S. food bosses seized the opportunity to capitalize on our classes' despair, churning out sugary and salty goods, while raking record profits on the backs of overworked and underpaid workers.

The latest example is the Nabisco factory workers strike. As many workers worldwide know from direct experience, racism, sexism and exploitation are baked right into this profit system. Just as dough needs yeast to rise, capitalism needs exploitation and racist divisions to function. Communists from the international Progressive Labor Party (PLP) brought revolutionary politics to striking workers outside the Nabisco factory on the city's southwest side. We distributed CHALLENGE newspapers, held signs, made conversation, and brought food to the multiracial group of picketers.

Our message to the striking workers is that regardless of what temporary crumbs the union can wrest from the bosses filthy bargaining table, it's not enough. In the end, exploitation and its attendant ills—racism, sexism, long hours and ill health—are necessary for the capitalists in their quest for maximum profits.

PLP is proud to stand with striking workers in Chicago and everywhere in order to reject the sell out unions, toxic nationalism, capitalist mislead-

ers and pitiful reforms in favor of an international communist future.

Exploitation under capitalism is how the cookie crumbles

Here at the Chicago plant, 300 workers have refused to keep enduring the grinding, racist, and deadly exploitation of the capitalist bosses. They are joining with hundreds of other Nabisco workers in other U.S. cities such as Richmond, Virginia and Portland, Oregon who are fighting back against unpredictable and long shifts, increased health insurance costs, and dangerous understaffing.

The relentless competition of their system forces the bosses to squeeze us as much as possible, at the cost of immeasurable worker suffering. During a pandemic, the company recorded profits of over \$3 billion as a number of plants closed, while at others workers were forced to put in 16-hour shifts (CBS News, 8/20). Many worked six to seven days a week for several months. Now, they are being forced to give up overtime pay and concede to a two-tier healthcare system, which will reduce benefits for new workers and cut overall wages.

A number of workers view cutting wages and benefits as a betrayal, but for the bosses, these are necessary decisions based on profit. Under capitalism, all wage work is theft (see letter, page 6). This wage slavery must be abolished.

Pandemic exposes racist horrors

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has further exposed the horrors of the capitalist system. On top of the millions of mainly Black and Latin workers who have already died from a mostly preventable illness, we have seen some of the world's wealthiest capitalists and companies collectively add \$1 trillion to their total net worth since the pandemic began (Washington Post, 1/21). This sickening calculus demonstrates that bosses wealth is made possible by racism and sexism.

Horror stories of inhumane working conditions have surfaced in media reports. They paint a picture of how workers are treated amid a traumatic pandemic: from an injured Nabisco worker falling off her chair and being forced to work with a broken ankle (The Grio, 8/21), to Frito Lay workers dying of heart attacks on the factory floor (Washington Post, 7/21).

The strikers that we met on the picket line today, many of whom were Latin, Black, and women workers, shared their own personal stories of racist and sexist attacks from the bosses. They also shared their strong commitment to maintaining the strike and fighting on.

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Cadre school: grasp & own communist ideas

CHICAGO, August 15—Communist ideas belong to the working class, not a few special people. Our local collective held a communist cadre school this weekend to strengthen our political understanding and organizational unity. A dynamic mix of members of Progressive Labor Party (PLP) and close friends came together over two days to socialize, engage in rich political discussion, and share in collective responsibilities such as food preparation and cleaning.

Cadre schools are one of the main ways the Party develops communist mass organizers, guided by a dialectical materialist (scientific) understanding of history and the Party's collective experience. Without regular evaluation and struggle, the political line that guides our work can risk stagnating and becoming diluted. By discussing key aspects of the Party's political analysis, we reach a higher level of understanding which allows us to be sharper fighters for communist revolution and the international working class.

The three main political subjects that we covered over the weekend included:

Nationalism, a weapon used to divide our class. There is no such thing as revolutionary or progressive nationalism. Any idea dependent on treating one set of workers as special over another group of workers undermines our inherent interest in internationalism. For more, see PLP's document, "Revolutionaries Must Fight Nationalism."

Democratic centralism, the way decisions get made in the interest of the whole working class. It is the best expression of the most freedom for the working class of the world, and it is the best form of human relations—making an agreement and sticking to it. For more, see PLP's document, "For Communist Economics and Communist Power."

Revolutionary violence, a necessity to abolish capitalism. Under this system, "non-violence" means the working class accepts violence by the state and is not allowed to retaliate. We are against

individualistic violence. We cannot destroy capitalism and liberate our class without an organized violent revolution. See PLP's document, "Reform and Revolution" and Lenin's "State and Revolution." All PLP documents are at www.plp.org under the "Key Documents" column.

Our choices for discussion were directly guided by our conversations and political work in recent months with new Party members and close friends. While capitalism relies on ignorance and complacency, PLP has confidence that workers can be won to the highest level of understanding and commitment. We need everyone to own these ideas and fight to make them a reality.

Here are four impressions from the weekend:

As someone who's been around the Party my whole life, joining seemed like an easy step to take. But after attending a few meetings and joining a book club, I realized I had many questions about what the Party is and does. How are decisions made? How is the Party structured? The cadre school did a great job at starting to answer these questions, and gives you a good foundation to start to help you feel more confident in being involved in the Party.

I've been a part of PLP for over a year now and this was my first cadre school ever. I didn't know what to expect coming in, but it was a very much needed experience. Not only were we able to take a deep dive, discussing politics but we also got to build unity and camaraderie within our party through these discussions. It didn't matter if you've been a member of the PLP for 20 years or two months, your voice and opinions were heard and that's something I always appreciate about Progressive Labor Party. Overall, the cadre school provided me with the tools to become a better communist and Party mem-

ber and I'm eager to take my learnings and spread them within my community."

"I wasn't sure what to expect with my first cadre school. Discussions in other settings can be hit or miss. However, it didn't take long for the group to get involved in the discussions. The term "school" seems wrong because we weren't just sitting down taking notes, but having challenging conversations and working together to understand the subject more. The cadre school was an open place for us all to share our thoughts and participate. I've learned a lot from the facilitators but also my other comrades, and have a new appreciation for having a space where we can all talk in person and work together to formulate our ideas.

The recent cadre school proved that our political and social interactions with new and potential comrades continues well after the event. The camaraderie during our time together strengthened the existing relationships in our local collective. It showed that our line and dedication to the Party is beyond the collective with whom they most typically interact. The cadre who attended are continuing the conversations initiated there and are raising the struggles that happened. Additionally, our mass work involving those who were present can be positively affected and increased. The discussions also helped to renew the political involvement of existing comrades, which is always necessary.

The Chinese communist leader Mao Zedong said, "We should check our complacency and constantly criticize our shortcomings, just as we should wash our faces or sweep the floor every day to remove the dirt and keep them clean." Cadre schools and active struggle build stronger communists and a stronger PLP!🇨🇳

From Alabama to Colombia to Haiti

CUNY students, faculty build international solidarity

NEW YORK CITY, August 25—CUNY students and faculty from three campuses are responding to the recent earthquake and hurricane in Haiti, and the four month-long coal miners' strike in Brookwood, Alabama. Over the summer, members and friends of the revolutionary communist Progressive Labor Party (PLP) held weekly organizing meetings and political discussions with students and coworkers, in preparation for the fall semester. And our campuses are kicking the fall semester off with antiracist and anti-imperialist politics at the forefront of our organizing (see CUNY, page 5). These struggles are opportunities to build international working-class solidarity, which can build confidence in the working class to run society. We need to struggle with everyone involved in these fightbacks to commit to joining Progressive Labor Party.

Solidarity with students and workers in Haiti

Our local PLP club has been involved with the #SOSColombia movement against racist police terror in Colombia, with several members attending a rally in Washington, DC (see CHALLENGE, 6/10). We also followed the fightback in Haiti that began in 2018, sparked when the now-assassinated former President Moïse raised prices on fuel by 50 percent. To kick off the fall semester, we plan to hold a demonstration for international solidarity and connect the fightback in Colombia with the ongoing fightback in Haiti.

At Kingsborough Community College, our organizing has brought us into struggle alongside students from Yemen, Palestine and other Muslim-majority countries. Despite the Covid-19 pandem-

ic, this picked up again with the recent fascist Israeli bombardment of Gaza. Some Students fighting against Israeli terror expressed interest in supporting the workers in Haiti and Colombia. Haiti, Colombia and Palestine—the appearance may seem different in language and culture, but the essence is workers fighting against capitalist terror and exploitation.

"We are choking on nationalism"

Our club's planning meetings for this solidarity demonstration have been spaces for sharp and enriching political discussion and debate by friends brand new to our Party. During one meeting, a veteran fighter in the struggle in Colombia and new to PLP noted how little they or many know of the history and struggle in Haiti. She noted, "We are choking on nationalism. So many groups only focus on Colombia and don't want anything to do with internationalism. These borders are not real. Haiti was the first to resist colonization, and we need to make this connection."

The connections between workers in Colombia, Palestine and Haiti run deep. The Israeli racists have been training the racist Colombian police and paramilitary forces since the 1980s (Al Jazeera, 6/5/03) and have been deploying and training the Haitian police fascists since 2010 (Jerusalem Post, 12/23/10).

The fact that workers are fighting back in all three areas is an opportunity for communists to build international working-class solidarity. Our club is growing with new friends and has moved into high gear since the earthquake and hurricane

struck our sisters and brothers in Haiti. On September 4, join us in Brooklyn at Church Ave and Nostrand Ave at 12pm for an internationalist, anti-imperialist rally.

Solidarity with striking miners, Amazon workers

Our club is sending a delegation of students and faculty to Alabama to meet with striking miners of the Warrior Met Coal company. Since April, a multi-racial group of 1,100 miners have been on strike for higher wages, benefits, and time off after the company broke off negotiations with their union, the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA). Striking miners have been attacked by scabs and company goons on the picket lines, right down the road from Amazon's Bessemer warehouse, where 3,215 workers were recently intimidated out of voting for union representation.

One of Warrior Met Coal's owners is BlackRock, a major investor in private, for-profit ICE detention centers along the U.S.-Mexico border. BlackRock's CEO, Laurence Fink, is also a New York University trustee, and in 2019 was an honored guest at a CUNY-Hunter College event. Same enemy, same fight! Workers of the world unite!

After Contacting striking miners, we received an invitation to a rally in Alabama. We began reaching out to our base of CHALLENGE readers. We received very positive responses and pledges to help raise money and awareness about the strike, and connect our struggles at CUNY with the coal miners and Amazon workers. More in the next issue. Stay tuned!🇨🇳

Fight anti-student attacks & anti-working-class ideas

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, August 16—A small but committed group of workers seized the opportunity to distribute Progressive Labor Party (PLP) leaflets in protest against a fundraiser hosted by the Board of Trustees' President at the City College of San Francisco (CCSF). PLP have been active with campus groups that have been critical of the massive program cuts at CCSF and the following Monday, on the first day back to school, a similar contingent of workers and students attended a press conference to call out the CCSF administration for their lack of health preparations as students, faculty, and CCSF staff return amidst a raging pandemic. The CCSF cuts further demonstrate that capitalism and its education system was not designed for working class students.

Our main contribution to the struggle was to raise our political line and deliver a speech with a message that would inspire students to demolish capitalism and fight for communism to secure their future. The main lesson we learned today is that capitalist education is not about "educating" students to think critically, solve interpersonal or societal problems, nor does it help them become well-rounded and better human beings; instead it is the total opposite. Not only is university education a diploma mill designed to extract tuition and in debt students, but it drills anti-working class ideas and other harmful ideologies into our students.

On the other hand communist education not based on profit or competition means that lifelong education and learning be available to everyone. It would be an education where we support and learn

from each other so we can build lives that better not just ourselves but also for the collective health of fellow workers and society.

Class politics are in session

With about 28 percent of the CCSF students returning to in-person classes, our group distributed PLP literature at both events, getting out 50 leaflets and 60 copies of CHALLENGE. Hitting the pavement as a collective gave us the opportunity to meet fellow workers and classmates that we had only previously met on Zoom screens.

Much of our club's work on campus has been directly tied to the shifting course offerings. CCSF used to have programs for LGBT workers, senior citizens, ex-felons, ex-soldiers, and the mentally challenged. The school promoted a curriculum that treated workers and their education a little more than just capitalist programming. It provided a bit of a supportive community for people and had a history of successfully preparing university bound students.

But today, it is a shadow of its former self. CCSF used to have 90,000 students, but now has 35,000. Its prior 90 classes for senior citizens have now been cut to just nine. Its faculty is mostly composed of part-time teachers (called adjuncts) who have all the qualifications of a full-time professor but who receive less pay, have no health care, fewer classes, no offices and no job security. They often have to teach classes at different colleges to pay their bills. (That is why they are called "freeway flyers.") Members of our Study Group attended both actions and gave political leadership. A PL'er delivered a speech

in an effort to bring some politics to the forefront of this struggle. In our speech we highlighted that one of the most important roles of capitalist education is to inculcate our students with liberal ideas about the market being the only solution to human progress, and that all other alternatives, including communism are misguided fantasies. The CCSF's Board of Trustees' decision to slash these programs is a reflection of this role. The latest attacks against CCFC students is a teachable moment, revealing that students must uphold the capitalist agenda of austerity, privatization, and exploitation in order to prosper under capitalism.

Thankfully today's demonstration shows that students and teachers protesting these cuts not only reject the bosses' solutions, but they also reject the bosses' toxic market ideologies undergirding these attacks. The Party member closed out the speech by calling for communist revolution as the only solution to transforming our unequal, and mediocre education system.

PLP members active in this fightback understand that our struggle right now is one of reform, but until we are able to wave the red flag high and smash this racist, sexist, capitalist system our working-class sisters and brothers must be supported.

Now our task is to continue to build the fightback, to deepen our relationships with the people in our group and those we connected with this month. We will continue to distribute CHALLENGE consistently and to meet students at school with the aim of inviting them to join our study groups and ultimately PLP. Join the revolution for communism!✊

CUNY students Welcome back, fight back, join PLP!

NEW YORK CITY, August 25—For the past 18 months students, faculty, and staff at the City University of New York (CUNY) have been fighting racist conditions on our campuses—conditions worsened by the Covid-19 crisis. Our administrators have used the pandemic as an excuse to implement even more racist austerity: firing almost 3,000 adjuncts, or part-time professors; leaving campus offices severely understaffed; and increasing class sizes. In their latest attack, the CUNY bosses are demanding that workers and students return to unsafe campuses even as the Covid-19 Delta variant rages across the world.

As we return to our campuses, the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) calls all CUNY students and workers to get involved in the fight against the racist conditions on campus. Consider that the fight at CUNY must be part of a bigger battle—a revolutionary battle to rid the world of the racist capitalist system that treats the lives of workers as disposable, from the Bronx to Palestine to Haiti. We need a communist revolution.

Fight bosses, reject union hacks

During the pandemic we have encountered students and workers who are very open to the idea that only communist revolution can create a world where educating the working class is a priority. We are involved in several campus organizations that have been agitating against the campus administration and the go-slow, sell-out union misleadership. We have been influential in winning several small victories (see CUNY,

page 4). At the same time, we have robust Party-led study groups where we discuss how these small reform gains will never lead to liberation for our class and that any gain we might make will be met with a racist-cutback elsewhere. For example, CUNY recently announced that they would use a portion of the more than \$800 million in federal bailout funds they received to cancel a small portion of student debt. But at the same time, not only did they increase tuition and added a new \$120 "Health and Wellness" fee, but they have also done nothing to reduce class size, one of the most critical factors in student success.

Fall curriculum: smash racism, CUNY bosses

This fall semester, members and friends of PLP will continue to work towards turning CUNY into a cauldron of revolutionary politics and action. We will have a teach-in on Haiti, exposing the racist abuse the workers there have suffered for centuries and the heroic efforts of workers and students there to fight back. We will have a forum on the Israeli apartheid regime and the need to reject all forms of nationalism. And we will continue to call out the racist CUNY administration for their racist attacks on our campuses.

If you're a CUNY student or worker or you would like to be involved in advancing the struggle against CUNY's racist administration and would like to learn about the need for communist revolution at the same time, we welcome you! Contact us at desafio.challenge@gmail.com for more information.✊

Racist exploitation baked into capitalism—Nabisco strikers need communism

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Labor fakers bake a toxic recipe

The union that officially represents the Nabisco workers, the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers, and Grain Millers International Union (BCTGM) has some of the most reactionary politics that have come to represent the boss-led unions. They could hardly be bothered to mobilize the rank and file as the bosses shuttered plants, eliminated pensions and laid off hundreds.

They waited until the workers were on the ropes to finally call for a strike (Common Dreams, 8/20). They are also spreading the poison that is nationalism by painting Nabisco workers in Mexico as rivals who "took jobs" from workers in the U.S. Pitting workers from different countries against one another for the problems the profit system creates is a completely racist ideology that only serves the ruling capitalist class. Workers have every interest in uniting across the bosses' artificial borders in a global fight against capitalist exploitation.

BCTGM or any other union will never call for this internationalism because they all seek to work within the confines of the capitalist system. To advance the needs of our class everywhere, we need a clean break with bosses, misleaders, and reformists. We need a mass PLP, fighting for communism and workers' power!

Fight like Stella D'Oro, join PLP

PLP has supported and given leadership to countless strikes in our history because we understand them to be potential schools for communism. It is in the act of refusing our exploitation - withholding our labor from the bosses - building working-class unity that we grasp our own power and the vision of a worker-run society. Strikes also reveal the need for a revolutionary communist Party. We urge Nabisco workers to join us to help build the Party into a mass fighting force capable of destroying this rotten, crumbling system once and for all.

Supporting the Nabisco workers in their fight against racist and sexist attacks brings back memories of another strike that the Party supported, that of Stella D'Oro bakery workers in New York between 2009-10.

Majority immigrant and women workers maintained a two-front fight for 11 months against both bosses who wanted to close the factory and the treachery of the same BCTGM union hacks.

We don't know how long the Nabisco strike will last, but we do know the PLP will continue to fight alongside our class to advance our struggle for a communist world where workers run things, and never need to settle for the bosses' crumbs.✊

‘Profiled’ screening: anti-police fightback raises class consciousness

NEW YORK CITY, August 13—“Why do police killings, especially of Black and Latin youth, continue despite mass protests and uprisings? Is it even possible to stop these murders without also getting rid of the system of capitalism, which depends on racism to exist?” More specifically, capitalism needs racist cops. They enforce all the racist inequalities that capitalism needs from wage and income inequalities to mass incarceration. These were some of the ideas discussed by more than 70 people at a screening and discussion of the documentary film *Profiled*. The film tells the stories of families and friends of youth killed by police, and the multiracial struggles they continue to lead against these racist killings (See Page 8).

Come to “Hoops for Justice”

Two of the organizers featured in the film spoke at the screening about becoming antiracist fighters. One of the fighters, Natasha, was outraged by the way the media portrayed her sister Shantel Davis as a criminal when police dragged her out of her car and murdered her in 2013. She turned her anger into organizing the “Justice for Shantel” campaign, supported by growing ties and friendships with members of the Progressive Labor Party (PLP). Natasha invited everyone to the 6th Annual “Hoops for Justice” 5-on-5 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, August 28, to fight racism and honor the legacy of Shantel and Kimani Gray, a 16-year-old Brooklyn youth also killed by police in 2013.

The other organizer said a key turning point in her understanding of why police killings continue to be rampant was when a PLP member introduced her to Lerone Bennett’s essay, “The Road Not Taken.” This essay outlines how the “race problem was a deliberate invention of plantation owners who systematically separated Blacks and whites in order to make money.” Plantation owners who enslaved Black workers passed laws to separate European, African, and Indigenous workers who intermarried, lived together and united to rebel against their common enemy. This was crucial to her being optimistic about the possibilities of defeating racism.

A lifelong struggle against racism

These stories demonstrate how developing personal ties with communists in PLP helps keep antiracist organizers positive even when the pos-



sibilities for change seem dim. Attending May Day marches, study groups and witnessing firsthand the dedication to the long term struggle against capitalism and racism points to a communist future where workers run society. Building these close personal ties while fighting racism was a key takeaway from this screening of *Profiled*. Racism is crucial to capitalism. In particular, cops are the racist thugs that protect the capitalists from rightfully angry workers.

During the several months of planning this

screening of *Profiled* we made new friends who share our antiracist views. Organizers also reached out to high school and college teachers, including some in PLP who have been deeply involved in building ties with family members who are organizing antiracist campaigns against police violence. More than a dozen high school and college students participated in the discussion.

PLP, the real alternative

This event was organized primarily by members and friends of the Progressive Labor Party active within the DSA (Democratic Socialists of America), a fake left organization whose leaders serves the main liberal wing of the U.S. ruling class. Thousands of primarily young people have joined DSA since the 2016 Presidential election because they want to see more progressive change, and saw no other alternative. But the capitalist ruling class and their bought-and-paid for politicians cannot and will not abolish the kkkops. The DSA promotes the circus of electoral politics and leads us into working within the capitalist system.

They helped to elect Joe ‘Jim Crow’ Biden president, calling him a “lesser evil” but he is in fact a greater evil. Biden, a longtime archracist in Washington, helped push then-President Bill Clinton’s crime bill that led to the mass incarceration of mainly Black workers. Now he’s trying to do a better job than Donald Trump to organize for war against China and Russia (see editorial, page 2). In other words, the DSA is part of growing fascism within the U.S.

These young people have another alternative—the communist PLP. Party members call for the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism. Let’s fight for communism where the working class rules. As we develop personal ties with people who want to fight racism, we find they are often open to communist ideas.

Since the *Profiled* screening, we are organizing to continue to raise the struggle. From the annual Hoops for Justice to fighting to keep cops out of schools, these antiracist fightbacks help deepen our personal ties, as we build the Progressive Labor Party to fight for a communist world.☸

Hiroshima and Nagasaki, bombed to save U.S. Imperialism

This August marks the 76th anniversary of the single most murderous act of terrorism in world history when the U.S. ruling class—the only rulers to ever use nuclear bombs—dropped atomic bombs on two civilian Japanese cities, Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945. This obliterated a quarter of a million Japanese civilians in a matter of seconds, injured hundreds of thousands more, and left future generations with everlasting genetic defects.

The racist U.S. rulers launched this heinous attack as a political warning to the then-socialist Soviet Union, signaling U.S. imperialism’s launching of the Cold War. Capitalists will stop at nothing when their domination is at stake. This is the natural outcome of a system rooted in the violence of exploitation. The working class instead needs to build a world based on human need. For that, we need millions worldwide to organize under an international communist party, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) to turn the next capitalist atrocity and war into a class war for communism.

The lies and the reality

For over seven decades, U.S. rulers have tried to justify the A-bomb attacks by maintaining they were needed to force Japan’s surrender and avoid a U.S. land invasion and a million U.S. casualties. In reality, Japan’s rulers were ready to surrender before Hiroshima:

- According to the United States Strategic Bomb-

ing Survey, a board of military and civilian experts established by U.S. Secretary of War Henry Stimson, “Certainly...in all probability prior to November 1945, Japan would have surrendered even if the atomic bomb had not been dropped...and even if no invasion had been planned or contemplated.”

- A million lives were not saved. Indeed, McGeorge Bundy, later the U.S. National Security Adviser, “confessed that he had pulled those numbers out of the air to justify the bombings” (LA Times, 8/5/2005).

- By the spring of 1945, Japan’s entire industrial and military machine had ground to a halt, severing its oil lifeline. By June, U.S. Air Force General Curtis LeMay complained that there was nothing left to bomb in Japanese cities except “garbage can targets.”

- General Douglas MacArthur, U.S. Pacific commander, considered the A-bombs “completely unnecessary from a military point of view” (James Clayton, *The Years of MacArthur, 1941-1945, Vol. II*).

A genocide aimed at the USSR

If overwhelming evidence shows that the genocide at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was militarily unnecessary, and that Japan was on the verge of unconditional surrender, why did President Harry Truman order the A-bombs dropped?

The true purpose was to warn the then-socialist Soviet Union that the U.S. had a new and devastat-

ing weapon, and was ready to use it against any threat to the U.S. imperialists’ world dominance. The obliteration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki signaled the beginning of the Cold War between capitalists in the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Some supporting evidence:

- With the Soviet Red Army ready to enter the war against Japan by August 8, the U.S. rushed to use the bomb two days earlier, to play what Stimson referred to as a “mastercard”: “Let our actions speak for words. The Russians will understand them better than anything else....We have to regain the lead...in a pretty rough and realistic way....We have coming into action a weapon which will be unique” (Stimson diary).

- In an implicit indictment of the liberal Democrat Truman administration, Leo Szilard, creator of the idea of a nuclear fission reactor said, “If the Germans had dropped atomic bombs on cities...we would have defined [it]...as a war crime, and we would have sentenced the Germans who were guilty of this crime to death at Nuremberg and hanged them.”

The lesson of Hiroshima and Nagasaki is that the U.S. ruling class will stop at nothing to preserve its state power and profit. Which means the next world war is only a matter of time (see editorial, page 2). It remains for the international working class to mete out justice to the most murderous criminals the world has ever known.☸

U.S. CAPITALISM: RACIST MURDER, INC.

The state is an organ of class rule, an organ for the oppression of one class by another; it is the creation of “order,” which legalizes and perpetuates this oppression by moderating the conflict between classes... The liberation of the oppressed class is impossible not only without a violent revolution, but also without the destruction of the apparatus of state power which was created by the ruling class...

—The State and Revolution, by Vladimir Lenin

Summer marks the anniversary of many multi-racial rebellions against police terror, from Michael Brown Jr. in Ferguson (2014) to George Floyd (2020), and many more. These rebellions serve as inspiration for workers everywhere, but also begs the question: why do kkkops murder with impunity?

Anti-Black racism is at the foundation of the racist treatment and division of all workers. While racist violence hits Black workers hardest, it harms our entire class. State-sanctioned terror has propped up capitalism since the days of the slave trade. The super-exploitation of non-white workers nets the bosses super-profits and enables them to lower wages and living standards for all.

Capitalism holds no future for the working class, and especially for Black youth, except for imperialist war, unemployment, poverty, sexism and racist killings. Capitalists use the anti-scientific concept of “racial differences” to divide us and weaken our potential for fighting back. Only communism offers a solution to the hell of the profit system. Only a communist society can serve the needs of our class by eliminating the bosses who exploit us and reap profits from our labor. That communist-led workers’ society is what Progressive Labor Party (PLP) is fighting for.

State power rules

Police get away with racist murder because they are backed by the racist injustice system. Cops, courts, prosecutors, and juries—the whole state apparatus—are all controlled by the bosses. Consider:

In almost every case, murders by cops are completely legal. In Houston, grand juries haven’t indicted a cops since 2004; in Dallas, over a five-year period, grand juries looked at 81 cop shootings and returned one indictment (Daily Kos, 11/24/14).

Meanwhile, federal data shows that Black teenagers are six times more likely than white teenagers to be shot and killed by police ((Equal Justice Initiative, 12/2/20).

After so many rebellions over decades, how is it that less than two percent of kkkops are prosecuted (Vox, 4/2). The answer is state power — and who holds it.

Under capitalism, the “state”—including all levels of government, the so-called justice system, the police, the military, the schools—are instruments of ruling-class oppression and violence against the working class. As Frederick Engels pointed out in 1884, the state “is a product of society at a certain stage of development; it is the admission that this society has become entangled into irreconcilable antagonisms which it is powerless to dispel” (*The Origin of Family, Private Property and State*).

Capitalism is a society based on exploitation, accumulation of profit, and private property. The modern state developed to protect the capitalists’ interests. Contrary to liberal misleaders like Joe Biden, the “democratic process” cannot possibly resolve the antagonisms within capitalist society. The state is no neutral player. While it appears to regulate conflicts from above the fray, its role is to ensure business as usual, regardless of how



many workers’ lives are destroyed.

During protests, every politician preaches non-violence and restraint, while preparing riot police who fire tear gas canisters, stun grenades, and beanbag munitions at protesters.

Under capitalism, “non-violence” means the working class accepts violence by the state and is not allowed to retaliate.

From slave patrols to killer cops

Legalized killings and mass imprisonment are age-old capitalist tools to control the working class. The first modern police force in what is now the United States, beginning in South Carolina in 1704, was the slave patrol. These forces hunted down and punished runaway and “defiant” slaves; they were a form of organized terror to deter revolts that might threaten plantation profits.

The original Ku Klux Klan was formed in 1865, just after the end of the Civil War. As Eric Foner noted in *Reconstruction, America’s Unfinished Revolution, 1863-1877*, “In effect, the Klan was a military force serving the interests of the Democratic party, the planter class, and all those who desired restoration of white supremacy.”

In the mid-20th century, according to historian Diane McWhorter, the Klan formed alliances with governors’ administrations in states like Alabama and Mississippi. Throughout the South and Midwest, Klan members and local cops (often the same people) conspired to attack and murder civil rights activists.

So it’s not surprising that every year, media outlets “discover” links between rightwing groups and the police. “The Plain View Project, a database of public Facebook comments made by nearly 2,900 current and former police officers in eight cities, suggested that nearly one in five of the current officers identified in the study made public posts or comments that appear ‘to endorse violence, racism and bigotry...’” (Just Security, 6/1/20).

To this day, state-sanctioned racist terror against Black workers and youth is an indispensable weapon for the capitalist class.

In 1991 in Los Angeles, a gang of five cops beat Rodney King while other cops watched.

In 1997 in New York City, a cop assaulted Abner Louima by shoving a broken broomstick up his rectum.

In 2005 in New Orleans, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, a cop murdered Henry Glover before his fellow cops burned Glover’s body.

In 2012 and 2013 in Brooklyn, the cops killed Ramarley Graham, Shantel Davis and 16-year-old Kimani Gray, all without a single indictment.

In 2020, the cops murdered 1,021 people, including George Perry Floyd Jr. and Breonna Taylor.

According to the latest figures from Prison Policy, Black workers and youth account for 40 percent of the approximately 2.3 million people in U.S. prisons and jails, or about three times their percentage of the general population.

The problem with capitalist injustice isn’t about “a few bad cops” or a few obviously racist prosecutors. The state apparatus is racist to its core, because racism is the lifeblood of capitalism. Bosses keep the working class divided by perpetuating racist ideology. Economic super-exploitation of immigrant workers pits them against Black and Latin workers, which in turn drives down the wages of all, including white workers.

As the sharpening global competition between U.S. and rival imperialists cuts into the bosses’ profit rates, racist attacks against workers are escalating. An economic crisis spells mass unemployment, budget cuts in education and healthcare, tuition hikes—and more killer cops. The capitalists need cutbacks to funnel their resources into the bigger wars to come. In their run-up to global combat, they are turning schools into jails with surveillance cameras and metal detectors. Their police are occupying Black and Latin working-class neighborhoods. They are spying on and detaining Muslim, Arab, Middle Eastern, and South Asian youth.

Why are they doing these things? To intimidate workers and discourage fightback. The bosses fear that workers are fed up and won’t take their oppression much longer.

Revolution is non-negotiable

We didn’t negotiate out of slavery and we won’t negotiate our way out of capitalism. From slave patrols to the hyper-militarized cops of today, the bosses’ state is the sworn enemy of the working class. The rebels during the anti-police-terror fightback rejected passivity and dead-end electoral distractions. The capitalist state cannot be reformed — it must be abolished with communist revolution. For that we need organized, revolutionary violence. Under the communist leadership of the Progressive Labor Party, the movement against police terror can be the beginning of an all-out fight toward revolution. From Afghanistan to the United States to Haiti—smash racism! Smash the capitalist state!✊

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